

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** for more than forty years we have recognized older Americans during the month of May and honored them for their contributions to their communities and their sacrifices in securing the blessings of freedom for all of us; and

**WHEREAS,** the state White House Conference on Aging and the national White House Conference on Aging are focusing awareness on the issues that will arise as the first wave of the 78 million strong Baby Boomer generation begins retiring this year; and

**WHEREAS,** supporting the creation of senior-friendly communities and a strong network of senior services will help provide our growing population of older residents with a happier and more prosperous retirement; and

**WHEREAS,** the theme for this year's observance of Older Americans Month, "Choices for Independence," reminds us to recognize and honor the valuable contributions of older persons in their communities as they age and the need to support their independence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as

### OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our 656,000 seniors, recognize their many contributions, and support their families, caregivers, and the organizations that provide opportunities for every resident of the Palmetto State to age with independence and dignity.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**